(b) The claims filed with the UNCC have been divided into 6 categories ranging from A to F. Category 'A' covers all persons who fled from Kuwait/Iraq in the aftermath of Iraqi aggression. Category 8 pertains to death/serious injury, Category C & D to loss of property. Category E refer to corporate claims while category stands for government claims. Out of these 6 categories, claims in category A and B have been fully processed while category C claims have been partially processed. The number of claims aproved in these three categories is as follows:—

Category	Claims
A	102,154
B	183
C	21,371

(c) Number of claims rejected in vari
ous categories is as follows:

(i) claims rejected in category 'A' : 2955

(ii) claims rejected in category 'B' 75

(iii) C,D,E,F : Firgures are not available. UNCC (United Nations Compensation Commission) never conveys the reasons why a particular claim is rejected.

(d) A large number of queries are received from claimants regarding status of their claims. Those whose claims are rejeced are ifflformed accordingly.

(e) and (g) The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in Geneva maintains continuous contact with the UNCC to ensure that interests of our workers are fully protected, it is the exclusive responsibility of the UCC to evaluate and scrutinize the claims, evolve a payment procedure and deliver the awarded compensation to eligible claim ants for payment through national gov ernments. The UNCC does not enteratin requests for review of rejected cases.

Pak's Capability to Make Nuclear Bombs

1713. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem published in the Hindustan Times, dated the 12th July, 1997, capationed "Pak can make twelve N-Bombs in 6 months", according to two researchers with the largest US non-Governmental Project on non-proliferation issues;

(b) whether it is a fact that Pakistan's stockpile of fissile material currently consists of weapons-grade Uranium (HEU), enogh for 23 to 39 nuclear weapons; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government are aware of Pakistan's clandestine nuclear weapons programme. Government closely monitors all developments relating to Pakistan's nuclear programme. Government of India is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard its security and natonal interest in accordance with its assessment of developments relating to India's security environment.

Decline in the Standard of Indian Council of World Affairs

1714. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-CHANDRA REDDY:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the standard of the Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, which is an internationally-renowned institution, has been constantly declning; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Gov-ernment to enhance its standard, check the misuse of the property of the institution and safeguard the interests of the

employees, alongwith the quantum of assistance provided by Government to this institution during the last three years, item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The ICWA is an autonomous body registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 and the ministry of External Affairs have no direct locus standi in the affairs of the ICWA. The Ministry has in the past seven years taken a number of steps to help improve the functioning and management of the ICWA but these have remined abortive due to the non-cooperative attitude of the ICWA President. He had agreed to set up an advisory committee of three eminent persons to be nominated by this Ministry for which a resolution was to be passed by the Governing Body of the ICWA. No response has been received from the President in this regard.

Frequent complaints have been received by this Ministry, duly forwarded by several Members of Parliament. These have been forwarded to the Registrar of Societies with the request that congni-zance be taken of the various eomplaints and appropriate measures taken to put the working of the ICWA in order. The Registrar of Societies has informed this Ministry that he is not vested with any authority to look into or interfere in the day-to-day management of the Society and suggested that if any member or employee of the Society has any com-plaint/grievance against the management of the Council, he/she may take legal course through the competent Court of Law.

The Ministry of External affairs has not provided any fiancial asistance to the Indian Council of World Affairs since 1985.

Re-Activation of NAM

1715. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under their consideration a range of measures to re-activate the Non-Aligned Movement; and

(b) whether Governments of other de-veloping countries have been approached for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA): (a)and (b) measures to re-activate and enhance the role of NAM were discussed by the Xllth NAM Ministerial Conference held at new Delhi in April 1997. The Ministers agreed that the Movement should enhance its unity and cohesion and coordinate positios on major international issues with a view to strengthening its role, the matter is being pursued by the NAM Ministeral Committee on Methodology on a continuing basis. This will be discussed again during the forthcoming NAM Ministerial Conference on the occasion of the 52nd UNGA in September, 1997.

Problems of Indians Working in South Africa

1716. SHRI MA. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problems being faced by Indians working in South Africa have been brought to the notice of Government; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Indian mission in South Africa to deal with those problems and the response of the Government of South Africa to our representation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA): (a) Government 's attention has been drawn to a representation from the Indian Association of South Africa, Transkei region, regarding possible termination of employment conracts of Indian teachers